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The House of Commons' 2022 Poppy Campaign

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The Honourable Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons, is pleased to announce today that, in keeping with its proud tradition, the House of Commons is again participating in the <u>Poppy Campaign</u> organized by the Royal Canadian Legion.

Wearing the poppy honours Canadian veterans, shows respect for the military, and pays tribute to those who died defending the freedoms we enjoy today.

In honour of Remembrance Day, the Poppy Drop—a virtual display of falling poppies—will be projected on the Peace Tower every evening from October 28 to November 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and on November 11 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. In total, 117,000 poppies will appear on the Peace Tower to represent all the lives lost in service to Canada.

To mark the launch of the 2022 Poppy Campaign, a recording of the recital *The Last Post*, by Dominion Carillonneur Dr. Andrea McCrady, will be played during the Poppy Drop as of 6:30 p.m. tonight.

The names of all those who sacrificed their lives defending Canada are recorded in the Books of Remembrance, kept in the Room of Remembrance in West Block. Their pages are turned every day at 11 a.m. during a solemn ceremony, allowing every page of each book to appear at least once in the course of a year.

The Royal Canadian Legion is encouraging everyone to pick up a poppy at traditional donation boxes placed throughout buildings in the parliamentary precinct. It is also possible to <u>donate to the Poppy</u> <u>Campaign online</u>.

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